

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 22, 24, 28, and 30, which are independent, are amended. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12-21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33-42 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically at page 29, page 41, Figure 5, Figures 7-10, Figures 13-16, and Figure 19.

No new matter has been introduced. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,801,747 to Bedard (hereinafter, merely "Bedard"), in view of European Patent Application No. 000717346A2 to Takiguchi et al. (hereinafter, merely "Takiguchi"), in view of U.S. Patent 6,002,401A to Baker (hereinafter,

merely “Baker”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,670 to Takeuchi et al. (hereinafter, merely “Takeuchi”).

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“An information ... comprising:

...means for displaying a menu of media, said menu of media representing contents of a plurality of recording/reproducing media comprising DVD, HDD, and CD,

wherein, when a plurality of icons are displayed on a screen, a frame-like mark being at the center of the screen and having arrows indicating direction in which an operation key can be operated is displayed on a presently focused icon before a selection of an icon is made” (emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that Bedard, Takiguchi, Baker, and Takeuchi, taken either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing in Bedard, Takiguchi, Baker, and Takeuchi teaches or suggests “means for displaying a menu of media, said menu of media representing contents of a plurality of recording/reproducing media comprising DVD, HDD, and CD” and “wherein, when a plurality of icons are displayed on a screen, a frame-like mark being at the center of the screen and having arrows indicating direction in which an operation key can be operated is displayed on a presently focused icon before a selection of an icon is made”, as recited in claim 1.

Claims 3, 7, 9, 22, 24, 28, and 30 are similar, or somewhat similar, in scope to claim 1, and are therefore patentable for similar, or somewhat similar, reasons.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 22, 24, 28, and 30 are patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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